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Applicant : Hiroshi KOBATA et al. Art Unit : 2152
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Title : ELECTRONIC PARCEL DELIVERY SYSTEM

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed December 20, 2000, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 13 and 16 being independent.

Applicants note the objections to the drawings listed in Form PTO-948 accompanying the present Office Action. Applicants will submit Formal Drawings at the appropriate time.

The rejections of claims 1-32 are respectfully traversed in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-12

Independent claim 1 recites an electronic parcel delivery apparatus that includes a server system connected to a network. In the apparatus, the server system stores digital information received from a sending system via the network and the sending system transmits a notification to the receiving system. The notification signifies that the sending system is transmitting the digital information to the server system over the network and that the digital information may be accessible by the receiving system.

Claims 1-2 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bobo II (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,507). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 (and its dependent claims 2 and 5-11) because Bobo II fails to describe or suggest having a **sending system transmit a notification to a receiving system**, with the notification

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